Docket No. 277634US26YA PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Gary ESCHER, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/550,416 GAU: 2125

FILED: August 3, 2006 EXAMINER: Zoila E. CABRERA

FOR: A METHOD FOR ADJOINING ADJACENT COATINGS ON A PROCESSING ELEMENT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed reference(s) are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language reference(s).
- Online credit card payment is being made in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
- Online credit card payment is being made in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- □ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number <u>15-0030</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUŞTADT, P.C.

Steven P. Weihrouch

Registration No. 32,829

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000 Fax. (703) 413-2220 (OSMMN 05/03) Edwin D. Garlepp Registration No. 45,330

Form PTO 1449		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO.		SERIAL NO.	
(Modified)				277634US26YA PCT		10/550,416	
				APPLICANT			
LIST OF	REFER	RENCES CITED BY API	PLICANT	Gary ESCHER, et al.			
				FILING DATE		GROUP	
				August 3, 2006		2125	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME CLASS		SUB FILING DATE CLASS IF APPROPRIATE	
	AA	6,387,817	05-14-2002	Buckfeller			
	AB	6,108,189	08-22-2000	Weldon et al.			
	AC	5,904,778	05-18-1999	Lu et al.			
	AD	5,489,449	02-06-1996	Umeya et al.			
	AE	6,771,483	08-03-2004	Harada et al.			
	AF	5,534,356	07-09-1996	Mahulikar et al.			
	AG						
	АН						
	ΑI						
	AJ						
	AK						
	AL						
	AM						
	AN						
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY		TRANSLATION YES NO	
	AO	11-001757	01-06-1999	Japan (with English Abstract)			X
	AP	10-226869	08-25-1998	Japan (with English Abstract			×
	AQ	09-228070	09-02-1997	Japan (with English Abstract)			X
	AR	06-287739	10-11-1994	Japan (with English Abstract)			х
	AS	63-000450	01-05-1988	Japan (with English Abstract)			X
	AT	62-067161	03-26-1987	Japan (with English Abstract)			х
	AU	0326318	08-02-1989	EPO			
	AV						
OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
	AW						A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
	AX						
	AY						
	AZ			Additional References sheet(s) attached			
Examiner					Date Considered		
*Examiner: Initial if reference is considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.							